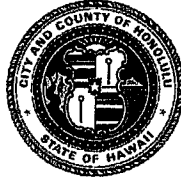


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Dear Chair Menor and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 32 (2017), Relating to HART Operating Budget;
Bill 33 (2017), CD1, Relating to HART Capital Budget; and
Bill 34 (2017), CD1, Relating to Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of
General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes in the
Principal Amount Equal to the Aggregate of the Amounts
Appropriated by the City Council in the HART Capital Budget

I am returning, unsigned Bill 32 (2017); Bill 33 (2017), CD1; and Bill 34 (2017), CD1, which, respectively, relate to the operating budget for Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), to the capital budget for HART, and to the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes in the principal amount equal to the aggregate of the amounts appropriated by the City Council in the HART capital budget, Bill 33 (2017), CD1. Not only does the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu (2000 ed.), as amended (RCH or Charter), not afford the City Council the degree of fiscal oversight reflected in these three bills *per se*, Bill 34 (2017) is also not authorized by the RCH Article XVII, Public Transit Authority (Article 17), as it is premised on the City Council appropriation for HART's capital projects.

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Prior communications to the City Council¹ contain the background and details about the extent of the City Council's legislative authority under the Charter to enact ordinances relating to HART monies and the HART budgets.

For the reasons indicated above, I am returning these three bills without my signature of approval, in lieu of any other action available to me on these bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirk Caldwell', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kirk Caldwell
Mayor

¹ Department Communication No. 149 (2011), Mayor's Message No. 74 (2011), Mayor's Message No. 95 (2011), Mayor's Message No. 61 (2012), Mayor's Message No. 97 (2013), Mayor's Message No. 64 (2014) and Mayor's Message No.83 (2015).